

## REMARKS

Applicant has thoroughly considered the Examiner's remarks and has amended the claims in light thereof. Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner's notification of allowable subject matter in claims 20-31 (See Office action at page 2). Claims 7, 19, and 21-26 have been amended, and claims 1-6, 18, 20 and 32-34 have been canceled by this Amendment B. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 7-17, 19, 21-31 and 35-37 in light of the amendments and following remarks.

Applicant has amended independent claim 7 to include allowable subject matter as identified by the Examiner. More specifically, applicant has amended independent claim 7 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 20 (and intervening claim 18). As such, claim 7 is considered to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that independent claim 7 is allowable over the cited art. The remaining dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend.

It is felt that a full and complete response has been made to the Office action and, as such, places the application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is hereby respectfully requested. Although the prior art made of record and not relied upon may be considered pertinent to the disclosure, none of these references anticipates or makes obvious the recited invention. The fact that Applicants may not have specifically traversed any particular assertion by the Office should not be construed as indicating Applicants' agreement therewith.

**The Applicants wish to expedite prosecution of this application. If the Examiner deems the claims as amended to not be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss making an Examiner's amendment to place the claims in condition for allowance.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment of any required fee during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 07-0846.

Respectfully submitted,



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